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Gov. Perdue Announces 176 Jobs with BAE Systems, Inc.

Company plans \$3 million investment in Mecklenburg County

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue announced today that BAE Systems, Inc., one of the country's leading aerospace, defense and security companies, will open a service center in the Charlotte area for its internal Human Resources and Finance operations.

The company plans to create 176 jobs and will invest \$3 million as part of the project, which was made possible in part by state grants from the Job Development Investment Grant program and One North Carolina Fund.

"Our state is leading the nation out of the recession because companies like BAE Systems appreciate the value of the investments we have made in education and workforce training," said Gov. Perdue. "My top priority is creating jobs, and we are leading the nation in job growth, both by recruiting new companies to North Carolina and by helping old friends grow larger and thrive."

With more than 50,000 employees, BAE Systems, Inc. headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. The service center addresses a critical need to provide cost effective and consistent services that will allow the company to continue to be a leader in meeting the needs of its customers across the U.S. government.

"Our objective is to optimize our Human Resources and Financial services so that we may continue to excel in offering reliable and cost-competitive solutions to our customers," said Linda Hudson, president and CEO of BAE Systems, Inc.

Hudson said that the Charlotte area was selected after careful analysis and on a number of factors including the availability of a knowledgeable and skilled workforce and service center culture, combined with world-class facilities.